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Applicant respectfully submits the items of information on the enclosed Form 1449 for the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified application.

Applicant would like to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following references, copies of which were not available:

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. According to M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant(s) request(s) that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

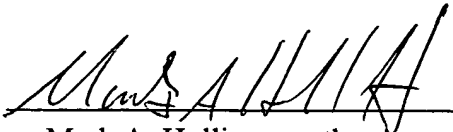
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